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Iran Helicopter Crash

- Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi and Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian have died in a helicopter crash.
- A total of nine people, including a provincial governor, were on board when the aircraft went down in northern Iran's East Azerbaijan province. They all are believed to be dead.
- Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani has sent his "sincere condolences" to Iran following the death of President Raisi and Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abollahian.
- In a statement posted on X, the Qatari emir wrote that he is asking for God's "mercy and forgiveness" for all those who were killed in the helicopter crash.
- Sheikh Tamim also wished "patience and solace" to the families of those who died.
- "We belong to Allah and to Him we shall return," he added.
- Shia al-Sudani is expressing solidarity with the Iranian people following Raisi's death.
- **He said in a statement:**
- "With profound sadness and deep sorrow, we received the tragic news of the passing of the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ibrahim Raisi, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hossein Amir Abdollahian, and their companions, due to the unfortunate plane crash incident in northern Iran.
- "We extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathies to the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic, Ali Khamenei, and to the nation of Iran, its government and people. We express our solidarity with the brotherly Iranian people and the officials of the Islamic Republic during this painful tragedy."



Arunachal Pradesh: Army Conducts Forward Area Tour For Defence Experts

- The Indian Army has conducted a week-long forward area tour in Arunachal Pradesh for defence experts to provide them a first-hand experience of operational challenges faced by troops and to encourage them to formulate technological solutions to the problems, a communique said here.
- The tour was conducted from May 12 to 19 for a seven-member team of experts from defence industries, startups and academia.
- After their arrival at Dinjan Military Station in Assam's Dibrugarh district on May 12, the team visited forward areas in Anjaw district of Arunachal Pradesh along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and gained insights about operational and logistical challenges of the armed forces.
- The interaction focused on the need for holistic efforts in developing indigenous technology tailor-made for mountainous terrain, the defence communique added.



Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade

- To mark the successful completion of training of Air Force Special Forces ‘**Garud**’ **Commandos**, Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade was held on 18 May 2024 at **Garud Regimental Training Centre (GRTC)**, Air Force Station Chandinagar.
- As part of the ceremony, Garud demonstrated combat firing skill, hostage rescue, firing drill, assault explosives, obstacle crossing drill, wall climbing, slithering, rappelling and military martial arts.
- The Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade is a significant event that marks the culmination of an extremely demanding training schedule. These newly passed out trainees enter the elite Garud force and add strength to the operational capability of IAF.

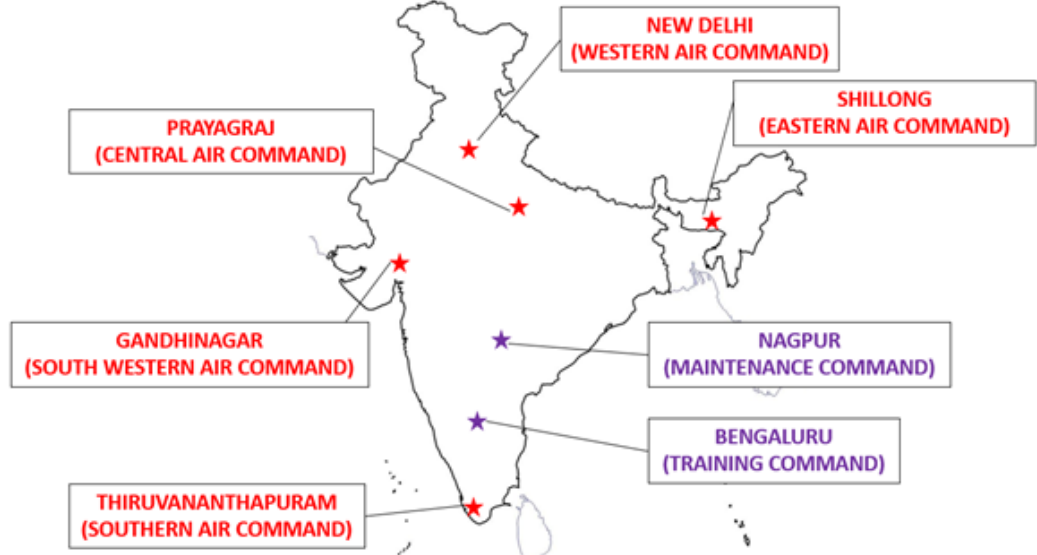


Prayagraj: CDS Gen Anil Chauhan Visits Central Air Command

- Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan on Sunday emphasised importance of maintaining the desired standards of readiness and synergy among the armed forces.
- CDS Gen Chauhan visited Prayagraj based Central Air Command and was briefed about the operational aspects of the CAC at the headquarters.
- General Anil Chauhan emphasized the need to maintain the desired standards of readiness and alertness. He underlined requirement for strengthening jointmanship and fostering environment of synergy in the Armed Forces.



Locations of Command HQs:



US Conducts Subcritical Nuclear Test

- The United States conducted a subcritical nuclear test at Nevada earlier this week, according to a statement released by the US Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.
- The experiment, the third under the administration of President Joe Biden, was carried out on Tuesday to collect "essential data" regarding the country's nuclear warheads, according to the **National Nuclear Security Administration**.
- The experiment was the first in the Nimble series, executed at the Principal Underground Laboratory for Subcritical Experimentation (PULSE) facility in partnership with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.
- The US government had announced a moratorium on tests involving nuclear explosions in 1992, however, successive administrations have continued subcritical tests. The last subcritical test took place in September 2021.



Army Brings Down Heavy Fire On Suspected Insurgents In Manipur

- The army engaged in a fierce gunfight with suspected insurgents and rescued 75 women of a social and cultural institution in Manipur, according to a statement by the military on Sunday.
- The incident happened on May 16. The group of armed people started firing towards Uyok in Leimaram at 10.45 pm, the police said. Leimaram under Bishnupur district is 1.5 km from the nearest hills, and Uyok is right in the foothills.
- The Assam Rifles in a post on the microblogging website X said soldiers "brought down heavy fire" on the unknown armed people, during which they also evacuated 75 Meira Paibis, a women-only social and cultural institution of the valley-dominant Meitei community.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Exercise 'Samudra Laksamana conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Malaysia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

2. Defence Ministry inks Rs 39,000 crore deals With

- A. HAL
- B. DRDO
- C. L&T
- D. HSL

ANSWER: C

3. Garud Regimental Training Centre (GRTC) Is In

- A. Air Force Station Chandinagar
- B. Air Force Station Chandigarh
- C. Air Force Station Chennai
- D. Air Force Station Belgavi

ANSWER: A

4. Which Is The New Recruitment Policy For Indian Armed Forces?

- A. Varuna Yojna
- B. Agnipath Yojna

- C. Yodha Yojna
- D. Karambir Yojna

ANSWER: B

5. North-West Region Of ICG Located In

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Gandhinagar
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

6. Ex 'Nomadic Elephant' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Malaysia
- C. Mongolia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

7. Joint Exercises B/w The India And USA Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

ANSWER: D

8. Which Country Is Not The Member Of QUAD And?

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. Japan
- D. Russia

ANSWER: D

9. Where Is The Hq Of The Central Command of The IAF?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Prayagraj
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

10. Motto of IAF Is

- A. Defence by Offence
- B. Touch the sky with glory
- C. Service before self
- D. None

ANSWER: B

11. Which is Not Correctly Matched:

- A. IAF Day: 8 Oct
- B. Indian Navy Day: 4 Dec
- C. Indian Army Day: 26 Jan
- D. BSF Day: 1 Dec

ANSWER: C

12. "Sarvatra" (Everywhere) Is The Motto Of

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR
- C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- D. Madras Regiment

ANSWER: C

13. SLBM Stands For

- A. Submarine-launched Ballistic Misery
- B. Submarine-launched Ballistic Missile
- C. Submarine-launched Ballet Missile
- D. Solar-launched Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: B

14. Merkava Mk.4 Is The Tank Of

- A. Germany
- B. Israel
- C. USA
- D. India

ANSWER: B

15. Exercises B/w India And Egypt Is Called:

- A. SLINEX

- B. Indra
- C. Yudha Abhyas
- D. Ex CYCLONE

ANSWER: D

16. NAY PYI TAW Is The Capital Of

- A. Myanmar
- B. Mozambique
- C. Morocco
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

17. Colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is

- A. Commander
- B. Captain
- C. Group Captain
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: B

18. National Cadet Corps Was Established In

- A. July 16, 1948
- B. July 16, 1958
- C. July 16, 1968
- D. July 16, 1978

ANSWER: A

19. From Which Country Has India Purchased Its Apache Helicopters?

- A. U.K.
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. USA

ANSWER: D

20. Air Commodore of IAF Is Equivalent To The Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Captain
- C. Lt. Colonel
- D. Colonel

ANSWER: A